GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:293
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APPOINTMENT OF AIRPORT REGULATOR
Adhalrao Patil Shri Shivaji;Adsul Shri Anandrao Vithoba;Panda Shri Prabodh

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government proposes to appoint a new airport regulator which will control issues related to airport functions ;

(b) If so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor ;

(c) Whether the new airport regulator would replace the existing Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA);

(d) If so, the details thereof ;

(e) Whether the Government proposes to bring in any entry barriers for new airlines; and

(f) If so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Airports Economic Regulatory Authority (AERA) is proposed to be set up, through an Act of Parliament, to fix, review and approve tariff structure for the aeronautical services and monitor pre-set performance standards at Indian airports. The Authority will ensure a level playing field for all categories of airport operators and also oversee and deal with natural monopoly and common user/ carrier segments of airports.

(c) : No, Sir.

(d) : Does not arise .

(e) & (f) The matter is under consideration of the Government.